

1. The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and
2. There must be a serious burden on the Examiner if the restriction is not required.

Applicants respectfully submit that a serious burden has not been placed on the Examiner to consider all of the claims in a single application. A review of the subject matter set forth in claims 18-41 would include a review of class 709, subclass 206 and class 709, subclass 219. Thus, a different field of search really does not exist with regard to the claims of the present application.

In order to be responsive to the Examiner's restriction requirement, claims 18-41 have been initially elected. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his restriction requirement and act on all of the claims in the present application. If the Examiner does persist in his restriction requirement, the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims at a later date, if desired, is reserved.

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

The Examiner has not acknowledged Applicants' claim for foreign priority. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge Applicants' claim for foreign priority in the next Office Action.

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DRAWINGS

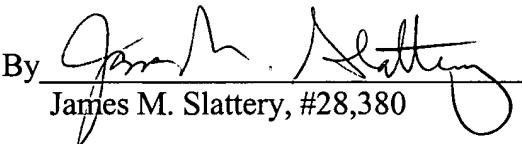
The Official Draftsperson has not approved the Formal Drawings submitted by the Applicants as filed on May 11, 2001. It is respectfully submitted that the drawings comply with the requirements of the USPTO. If the Official Draftsperson has any objections to the Formal Drawings he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned as soon as possible so that appropriate action may be taken. No further action is believed to be necessary at this time unless the undersigned receives a notice from the Official Draftsperson.

Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

Respectfully submitted,

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